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Sanitary District Fires Clyde Kennedy Firm

Sewer Board Will Set Up Own Engineering Dept.

Officials of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District this week began to set up the District's own engineering department, following last week's meeting of the Board of Directors who voted three to two to terminate the contract of the Clyde C. Kennedy engineering firm effective December 31

Despite vigorous objections of Directors Col. H. M. Smitten and Elliott Johnson, the yes votes of Harold Toland, Lawson Weill and R. E. Wadsworth passed the resolution which ousted Clyde C. Kennedy. Appointment of John Mason as district engineer and manager is expected at the next meeting of the Board. Mason was recently removed by Kennedy as resident engineer.

At a meeting three weeks ago it was decided that Kennedy's firm would complete the projects already started. The decision to "terminate" the services of the firm was made necessary because Kennedy was unwilling to work with his former assistant, Mason, as his superior, according to the board majority.

REASON: ECONOMY

The action, which has kept the board in turmoil for several months, was touched off at the last meeting when President Wadsworth read a statement outlining reasons for ending Kennedy's contract and establishing the District's own engineering department (see adjoining story). For reasons of economy, the statement read, the Board has decided to establish its own engineering staff.

After the Board passed the measure, Kennedy rose and said, "I hope the Board realizes what it is doing. All the field notes, contract documents and record drawings for work in the Sanitary District are my personal property. These will remain in our offices until the Board is ready to satisfy claims under the contract." Kennedy said he expected to complete certain jobs before termination of the contract.

Disputes between Kennedy and the Board will be settled by arbitration, as specified in the contract, according to Board President Wadsworth. Each side will appoint one man and a third member of the group will be a neutral representative.

STATEMENTS MADE

"I think the resolution is an outrage," Johnson, recently resigned president, stated after the vote was taken.

"It is the shabbyist treatment handed out to any gentleman by anyone," Smitten added.

Prior to vote, objections were raised by Col. Smitten who declared that even though large cities seemingly operate efficiently by operating their own engineering departments, much of the cost in city operations is covered up under the heading of office expense, rather than engineering expense.

BREACH OF CONTRACT?

Johnson asserted that the contract provided for supervision and completion of work specified, and, consequently, termination would be a breach of the contract.

In reply, Wadsworth said that the contract was always "subject to the will of the board."

Johnson said that the proponents of the move have never offered figures to prove that they would save money by establishing their own engineering department. "It is not enough to say that you feel we will save money," he added.

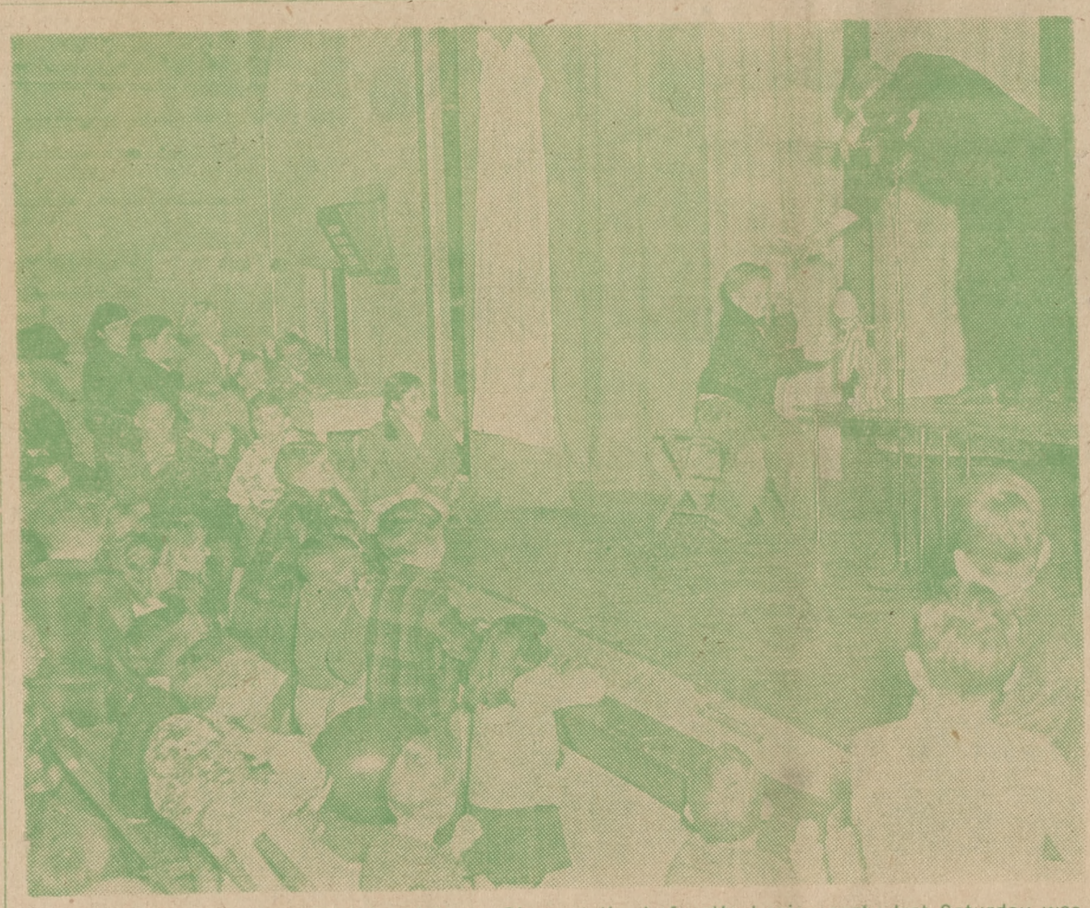
KENNEDY SPEAKS

Emphasizing that he would leave no implications about his work unchallenged, Kennedy proceeded to defend his position.

"Costs are higher in this area because of the difficulty of the terrain," Kennedy explained. "All costs were incurred under the supervision of the District's resident engineer (John W. Mason)." He said there are many instances where he had saved the district money, and even where he had paid costs out of his own pocket.

TAKES STAND

When Wadsworth suggested that the Board could always hire an engineer to do the job if the District's own engineering department did not prove economical, Kennedy emphasized that he would not consider coming back.



SECOND ONLY TO GREETING old Santa Claus at the Lafayette Legion party last Saturday was Pat Patterson and his famous puppet, Pirro. Here Art DeVillers shakes hands with Pirro last Saturday at Town Hall. Hundreds of kids had a great time. (Photo by Vic Leveskis).

Let Santa Claus Tuck in Junior . . . Just Call Orinda Mothers' Club

(Editor's Note: If your small fry can read, quick hide this page — for the following is strictly labeled "secret". Or if you, too, have great faith in the reality of old St. Nick, please stop now.)

The Orinda Mothers 'Club has a swell idea.

Sometimes it gets pretty tough to get little Junior and Mary to go to bed Christmas Eve. You know, they're mighty excited over the wonderful things to come — new bikes, dolls, packages, and Christmas fun.

VICE VERSA

Then, too, you're mighty interested in sending the younger generation to bed early, so you can get to work — in the toyland department.

Well to keep the short story short . . . Orinda's active school mothers groups has arranged to send a Grade A, selected, jovial Santa Claus to your home to tuck the kids in — Friday evening.

The fee: only $1.50, which includes the whole works . . . red suit, whiskers, bells and all . . . plenty of Santa Claus smiles and laughter

HURRY! HURRY!

But — and note this carefully — you must get to your telephone at once and make reservations. Remember, Santa Claus is in great demand this season. And the union can only furnish a limited number.)

Call Mrs. R. D. Harrison at Orinda 5766 — and do it immediately.

Now we were only kidding — the Santas are not from the union hiring halls. They are good, upstanding Orinda fathers who have agreed to do the task — and a difficult one at that.

Letter Requests Road Cleanup

Orinda Lions have written a letter to Supervisor Jack Cummings urging the Supervisors to order a clean up of unsightly rubbish on Fish Ranch Road and along the highway leading into Orinda.

The missile, signed by William Worden, secretary-treasurer, was read at a recent Supervisors' meeting but action awaits Cummings' return from a trip, which is expected to be late this month.

The Lions' request for action by the Board pointed out that "in view of a similar condition at Orinda Crossroads, the merchants took it on themselves to spend two or three hours each week cleaning up their portion of the road. Inasmuch as we have actually demonstrated our desire by action, we feel that we can make a strong appeal for cooperation from the Supervisors to make this whole section of our county one of which we may be proud."

Don't Kill Yourself . .

Four hundred and twenty-nine deaths in 21 days.

That is the California Christmas traffic fatality record over three-day periods of December 23, 24 and 25 for the years 1941 through 1947, as reported by the State Traffic Safety Committee.

Experts tell us there are only a few principal causes of traffic accidents and they all have to do with driver behavior. Driving too fast for conditions, mixing liquor with gasoline, improper passing, and violation of right-of-way rules head the list.

Throughout California today we hear the cry: "Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday," and the emphasis is on YOUR. It is a message directed to you and you alone. Heed it and enjoy Christmas. Ignore it and you may be a statistic instead of a living person on Christmas, the Committee warned.

Difficulty Arises In Buying Site

Purchase of a site for the contemplated pumping plant in the North Orinda area was discussed at last Thursday's meeting of the Board of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District.

At this meeting, the Board took action to terminate Clyde C. Kennedy's contract and form its own engineering department. (See adjoining story.)

Purchase of the Tiehe property for the pumping plant has been delayed due to the hesitancy of the owner to sell the parcel of land desired by the Board. A report from Walter Friberg, Right of Way Agent, indicated that the owner was afraid the pumping plant would be an eyesore.

Board members, however, brought out that the pumping plant would not be an eyesore since it would be partly underground and would be landscaped.

The Board voted to contact the owner again in hope of reaching an agreement rather than purchase a less desirable piece of land which was submitted for consideration.

Action of the Board included postponing decision on a request from Martin Bros. Construction Co. for a time extension in completing its contract. Martin Bros., handling Section 5, north of St. Mary's reported that unexpected sub-soil conditions have delayed construction.

Civic Affairs Meeting Cancelled this Month

The Civic Affairs Committee meeting which would fall on Monday, has been cancelled this month.

It was felt that holiday activities would keep too many people away from the meeting, Mrs. Eriest Spiegl, Secretary, said.

Cookie Lavagetto Entertains Cubs

An unbeatable combination of Santa Claus and a professional baseball player got together to make the Orinda Cubs' Christmas party a howling success last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Claus distributed gifts from under a sparkling tree set up in the Grammar School. Each Cub brought a package and these were exchanged all around, according to Bob Clough, publicity chairman.

Harry "Cookie" Lavagetto, ex big league star now second baseman for the Oakland Oaks, gave a talk to the youngsters. He demonstrated stance at the plate, batting grips and other baseball technique. After his discussion Lavagetto mixed with the boys informally, and Clough adds, he was the party's biggest hit.

Other events on the program were showing of a cartoon movie, games and refreshments. Heywood Gathings was chairman of the group who planned this affair. John Barchfield, cubmaster, and other Orinda Cub committeemen also were on deck.

Orinda Association to Ask Speed Limit on Moraga Hwy

Seeking to reduce the dangerous speeding on Moraga Highway, the Orinda Association has announced that in all probability speed limit signs will be placed on the road in the near future.

Moraga Highway now meets the requirements of enough homes and structures fronting the street to permit establishing a speed limit, it was announced at the Association's board of directors' meeting this week.

The Association took a survey of the highway and the data has been turned over to the County Surveyor's office. The Surveyor will then present the material to the Board of Supervisors to take final action.

Directors indicated that a similar plan will be followed on Orinda Highway, according to Clarence Betz, Association secretary.

The Directors also read a letter from the Greyhound bus lines, stating that a survey is being made on transportation problems in this area. In answer to a letter sent to the Public Utilities Commission many months ago, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company disclosed that a survey will be made to determine if electric rates in Orinda should be lowered. The Association pointed out that rates in Orinda are higher than in Lafayette, only three miles away.

Board Majority Issues Statement

(Editor's Note: This statement was read by Director Harold Toland at the Board Meeting of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District last Thursday night.)

From the time of the formation of the Sanitary District, its Directors have considered performing the engineering for various projects with a staff directly employed by the District.

(At this point, Directors Col H. M. Smitten and Elliott Johnson challenged that the statement should read "Some of its Directors" instead of "its directors". It was so amended.)

In order that the sewage treatment plant, main trunk sewer and initial collecting sewer systems might be most expeditiously handled, the District Board contracted with Mr. Clyde C. Kennedy for engineering services to serve at the pleasure of the Board. Mr. Kennedy's engineering work for the District has been most satisfactory.

Current studies for engineering cost for collecting sewers in other districts and in various California cities have shown that the costs under the present contract are considerably in excess of the average throughout the State. The lowest engineering costs were found to be had in cities where the engineering staff were direct employees of the municipality.

The general average engineering expense for collecting sewers installed under The Improvement Act of 1911 was found to be less than 11% of construction cost where the engineering was performed under contract, and less than 9% where the engineering was done by direct city employees.

The program of main trunk sewers is nearing completion, with ten construction contracts awarded, five of which are completed, or nearly completed. This total aggregates approximately $2,000,000 in construction cost.

The program of installing collecting sewers has been under way for less than six months, with five construction contracts awarded, none of which are complete. These contracts aggregate approximately $1,213,000 in construction costs. This represents only a fair start of this program, as these sewers will bring service to less than one-fifth of the District's area.

The future program for collecting sewers is expected to total in excess of $4,000,000 before the areas of the District now needing and desiring sewer service may have had their needs met.

In view of the foregoing facts and in the interests of economy in serving the residents and property owners of the District, the Board has decided that it is now imperative to establish its own directly employed staff.

COCKTAIL PARTY

The Fred Crawshaws on La Vuelta entertained over 80 of their friends at a cocktail party last Sunday afternoon.

DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch had dinner guests Monday night. They were relatives from Carmel, Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Welch.

TO YOSEMITE

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Jones will enjoy their Christmas holiday at the Ahwanee Hotel in Yosemite National Park.

Wishing Well Nets $300 for Scouts

A wishing well maintained by Jack Snow, local businessman, for the benefit of Orinda Boy and Girl Scouts was opened last Friday and approximately $300 in coins and bills turned over to the two youth groups.

John L. Stoffel, Boy Scout finance chairman for Orinda, opened the well. Representatives of both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were organized to count the proceeds, which will be added to funds obtained during the annual money raising compaign recently. Mrs. Margaret Gompertz is Girl Scout finance chairman in Orinda.

T.B. Association Honors Orindans

December 8 the annual meeting of the tuberculosis association was held in Concord. The following members were especially commended for their helpful assistance in correcting the mailing list for the association during the past six months: Mrs. George Vurek, Mrs. Margaret Winters, Mrs. Abe Doty, Mrs. L. Farrar, Mrs. George Klement, Mrs. Henry Moller and Mrs. Robert Diehl.

Santa Maria Has Carolonic Bells

Carolonic Bells have been installed at Santa Maria Church and they can be heard every evening until Christmas from 5:45 to 6:00 On Christmas Eve, they will be heard for a half an hour preceding Midnight Mass. The traditional carols will be sounded.

Masses will be at 9:00 and 11:00 on Christmas morning. Confessions are from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Masons Invited To Ashlar Club

All sojourning Masons are invited to attend a meeting of the Ashlar Club, social organization of the Masonic Order, Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Orinda Scout House. Walt Nicklas has called the gathering.

Seafarers to Meet At Barden Home

The Seafarers' next cruise will be to the hospitable port of the Lance Bardens, Orinda Highway, on Friday evening, January 7. Skipper and mate and other officers for the coming year will be elected.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A party in honor of Mrs. Benjamin Mallory on her birthday was given by the George Vureks Sunday night. Celebrating were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clough, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spiegl, Judge and Mrs. Raymond Peters, Mrs. Peg Winters, Benjamin Mallory and the guest of honor, and the host and hostess.

WELCH PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch entertained five couples the evening of December 17. They were Messrs. and Mesdames S. S. Inch, S. F. Palmer, Jack Ashby, Wallace March and Fred Borden.

AT TAHOE

Mr. and Mrs. David Wallace and children, Cebe, Wade, and Morna, are spending Christmas at Tahoe.

OPEN HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Thearle are planning an open house on New Years' Day at their home.

EUREKA FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spiegl and John are going to Eureka over Christmas to be with Mrs. Spiegl's family.

TO ROSE BOWL

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Elder and their eight year old son, Jerry, are spending their Christmas holiday in Fresno and then they are going to attend the Rose Bowl game.

County to Improve Highway Spot

A letter from Walter S. Nicklas to the Board of Supervisors requesting improvement of a muddy stretch of road along Moraga Highway has brought about plans for the desired repairs. The strip in question is located between Black's Market to the point where buildings start at the Crossroads corner.

Officials of the County Surveyor's Department, to whom the Board referred Nicklas' letter, reveal blueprints have been prepared for paving this portion of the highway out to where property owners normally install curbs and gutters. A drain to take off excess water is also included in the plans. A department spokesman said work will commence as soon as "Buck" Crowe, county maintenance foreman, and his crew complete a job on which they are now working.

Nicklas originally wrote the Supervisors in November, deploring the sea of mud in this almost unimproved strip of Moraga Highway. Inasmuch as there are no large buildings on that side of the street, no curbs and gutters have been constructed to control the mud.

A reply was written to Nicklas November 29 by Supervisor W. J. Buchanan informing him that the Board had voted unanimously to forward his request to the Surveyor's office. The latter went ahead with blueprint preparation and will do the job, though the spokesman declared results will not be entirely satisfactory until owners of the roadside land put in curbs and gutters, which they are not required to do on unimproved property.

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Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR:

A junior college district was formed as a result of the vote last week. The majority, among those who cast their votes, (less than 10%) was enough, but what of the thousands who failed to go to the polls? Are there enough of the latter number to defeat the bonds which will be the next necessary step?

Pegler, evidently, was right when he claimed that the great mass of people are faceless sheep and will vote any way they are told by the politicians as it isn't necessary for them to do any thinking for themselves.

But, the bonds haven't passed yet in spite of the fact that the district was voted.

When that time comes you can look for strong, substantial and hard working people to get into the fight to save their homes.

And when we say "save their homes" we mean exactly that.

It was the county superintendent of schools who spear-headed the drive for formation of the district. And the law puts too much power in that one man's hands.

It will be that one man who will name the first board to direct the affairs of the proposed junior college. The law also permits them to name the tax rate, the limit of which in Contra Costa county is 35 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

That 35 cent figure doesn't sound so formidable. But when you add it to the other new and necessary taxes such as sewers, schools and fire department you are getting close to the point where the average family cannot afford to own a home of its own let alone pay rent on some other person's house who has to add these taxes to his rent or lose his property.

How many residents of the county got a raise in taxes this year? That's moaning over taxes you hear and not, as generally supposed, just another earthquake rumbling its ominous way.

And this year's taxes are just a start. The husky raise included but 40 cents for sewers. The rate for next year is tentatively set at 90 cents. We didn't get billed for the fire department tax this year — that will come next year. There are also some school taxes that will hit us with a new high next year and on top of this the Lafayette elementary schools are going to need some more money.

They say that under the present set up we are paying 6 cents to send our youngsters to other junior colleges. That's fine and we can continue to do that and even a little more if we don't have to saddle ourselves with several million dollars worth of junior college bonds and a 35 cent operational cost besides.

They also said that we need a junior college to cut down on juvenile delinquency.

Bologna or "Baloney" whichever you prefer.

If we wait until our youngsters are ready for junior college before we start curbing their delinquency they are on their way to San Quentin before we take them in hand. The time to start curbing delinquency is before they ever start to school. That's a job for the home, not our school teachers.

The district has been formed, thanks to a lot of people who failed to vote. But, as I said before, forming a district is one thing. Voting the bonds is something else.

Before that time comes taxpayers of the district are going to have an opportunity to re-read their tax bills.

AL G SNEDEKER

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DEAR EDITOR:

Hats off to our merchants. Without their help the Girl Scouts Xmas tree sales would not have been the success that it is.

Manuel Alves loaned his house trailer. We do not know what we would have done without it. Larry Sollars donated the parking lot and the electricity.

Earl Creager spent hours wiring the lot for electric lights — a donation appreciated. Lafayette Lumber donated lumber. Gibson Hardware Co. donated nails. Ronald Sign Co., Walnut Creek, donated signs and others were nice to the girls.

The sale of trees will show a nice profit and every cent will go to the camp fund of the Diablo Girl Scouts chapter.

BILL GORDON

Editor's Note: P.S. Bill Gordon has spent months on this project, giving unselfishly of his time to this project, as well as material support.

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DEAR EDITOR:

Christmas days are happy days because it is a time of unselfish giving by everyone, and such giving always brings to the giver the greatest joy and happiness.

Did not the giver of all good give to the world "His only begotten Son" for our good and happiness, and did not He, the Master Wayshower, live a life of unselfish giving as an example for mankind that we too might do likewise and find eternal life?

Did not He, our Saviour, promise to send us in His name the Comforter, or Christ-truth, which would lead us into all truth?

What greater gift to man can there be on Christmas day, and every day, than the birth of the Christ in consciousness — the only healing and saving power that will bring real oy and "on earth, peace, good will toward men".

"The Flower Returned", is to me that "Comforter", or Christ-truth which makes men free.

THE FLOWER RETURNED
BY H. E HEWITT

Be of good cheer!" God gives a flow'r to you;
In His eternal mind it formed and grew.
This bud of Life, unfolding in your heart,
Will blossom forth again, to ne'er depart.
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Captain Sandford Sez:

A friend of mine recently gave me quite a talk on Scotland, the characteristics of the Scotch people and last, but not least, the colorful and historic dress of the Highlanders . . . the kilt. Having been born and raised in Scotland, and having worn the kilt, I have naturally an intricate and first hand knowledge of these matters.

So that when my friend with easy nonchalance spoke of the plaid, evidently meaning the "Tartan" and of the Highlanders wearing "little skirts", I tapped him on the shoulder paternally and stopped him. And I sez to him, sez I: "If you ever go to the highlands of Scotland do not forget to take with you a wooden cross so that should you ever say "little skirts" to a true Highlander (meaning his kilt), the Scotchman may use your cross to mark the place where you ceased to exist."

This nice balmy semi-tropical climate which we have learned to enjoy seems to be doing us dirt right now. In fact, I think I'll sneak home and search for my red flannel underwear.

I attended a meeting of the Sanitary District Board last week and I am now convinced, as I hinted before, that all is not well. From the commencement of the sewer operations until Gabriel sounds a long, last note on his trumpet, a lot of water will flow under bridges and a great many millions of dollars will be spent on, and in the maintenance of, our sewer system.

Some of this money must of necessity be spent for equipment, engineering, insurance, material, maintenance, etc., and we, the people must pay more attention to these matters than we have done in the past or we shall suffer.

There will be a great pile of something somewhere. Let us call it a woodpile, and I cannot help but feel that there is an Ethiopian secreted somewhere. Let us poke the little guy out and have a close look at him and smell him a wee bit. I was asked the question, "Is one of these Board members angling for a job for himself there?" I could not answer. Can you?

On the approach of Christmas may I extend to those who read this column the following hopeful but futile wishes: May you not eat too much. May you not drink any stuff that doesn't sit well on your tummy, and as they say in the Orient, "May your shadow never grow less."

In fact, a happy Christmas, and may the New Year bring you and your loved ones many blessings.

Even in Half-Pagan World

By REV. FRED MORROW
Orinda Community Church

There's something about Christmas that brings out the best in people. Unfortunately, this fact is somewhat tarnished by the rush and triteness that our commercialized civilization had added to the season. But even so, more people seem to mean better at Christmas than at other times. There's a reason. The response is proper to the occasion. Our best is the answer to God's best.

All the goodness in the world has its source in God. For the very word "God" is "good" capitalized. As all the water in earth's orbit comes from and returns to the sea, so all good comes from and returns to God.

If there is KINDNESS, it is from Him who has compassion on men as a father has compassion on his children. If there is GENEROSITY, it is His who "giveth liberally to all men". If there is TOLERANCE, the source is in Him "whose lovingkindness endureth for ever." If there is UNSELFISH SERVICE, that service roots in Him who came "not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give." If there is LOVE, it has no other origin than in that God who "loved us and gave Himself for us".

The Christmas spirit is our response to the giving God. Weak and thin indeed is Christmas without its spiritual motive; vain and unsatisfying the gifts we give from a sense of duty or for reciprocation or because it's the thing to do. But whatever creed we profess, as Tolstoy's famous story asserts, "Where love is, God is", glorifying with beauty earth's humblest, poorest part. We can't escape that, and maybe that is why even in our half-pagan world people seem to mean better at Christmas.

Girl Scouts Sell $2500 of Trees

Exceeding all expectations by a handsome margin, the Girl Scouts Christmas tree lot on Mt. Diablo Blvd. has already sold over $2500 worth of holiday greenery, according to William Gordon, who is directing the project. "We will have a nice selection of trees, wreaths and cones which will be available right up until December 24," he added.

Entire proceeds from this sale are being turned over to Diablo Valley Area Council, inasmuch as Gordon and all other volunteers gave their efforts gratuitously. Council officials have announced their intention of putting half the money toward their new permanent camp site at Packer Creek, while the rest is slated for general Girl Scout activities in this area.

Gordon attributed the Christmas tree lot's success to the wholehearted cooperative efforts of everyone involved, and added that Scout leaders are more than happy over the almost instant popularity of their project.

The lot is located in the parking area of The Curve Restaurant. Hours will continue to be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. right up to December 24, says Mrs. Robert Galbraith, Orinda, who is chairman of the sales force.

CAROLING PARTY

The Thomas N. St. Hills of Tunnel Road gave a Christmas Caroling party Sunday at their home from 4 to 7 in the afternoon for friends and family.

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Leader Training Courses to Start

Two training courses for adult Brownie and Girl Scout leaders in Diablo Valley Area Council have just been announced.

A basic instruction class open to all Orinda and Lafayette Intermediate and Brownie leaders who are new or have not had training opens Wednesday, January 5, at 10 a.m. Scouting officials say it will be the standard 16 to 20 hour course, and meetings are scheduled in the Orinda Scout Building.

Experienced intermediate leaders in Diablo Council Area will have a weekly conference period Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, starting January 11. These are to convene in the Walnut Creek office, Main Street. Leaders can drop in as they wish during this time and discuss specific problems, ranging from policies to brush up questions, according to the anonuncement.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Guests at the E. C. Goodale home on Brown Ave. during the holida season, will be Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodale and two children of Eugene, Oregon.

BOATING TO NEW YORK

The many friends of Ted Miller, son of the Grundy Millers, will be interested to know htat he sailed last week on the Hawaiian Steamship Co.'s Willis Vickery for New York via Panama Canal. Ted expects to spend Christmas in New York City.

FAMILY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Eckwall and Carolyn Eckwall accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olsen will drive to San Jose, on Christmas day where they will join four generations of the family in a holiday reunion and dinner.

FLYS HOME TO DETROIT

After spending several months a tthe home of her daughter and family, Mrs. Clara Cridland returned, by plane, to her home in Detroit. Mrs. Cridland is the mother of Mrs. H. W. Guppy of East View Drive.

Diversified Christmas Celebration

By REV. CLIFFORD L. NIXON
Mission Covenant Church

Our celebration of Christmas is somewhat of a mixture. There is a great deal that is fine and wholesome, but not in any special sense Christian. There is always some celebration in certain quarters that isn't even wholesome, let alone Christian.

And then there is the glorious Christian message of the birth of the Redeemer — the coming of the Son of God to meet the needs of men. We have great confidence that the great majority of the people here will be enjoying wonderful, happy, fine Christmas times with their fine families.

We pray that many will also find room at this season and in all of their lives for the Christ of Christmas.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear can hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Prepare to File 1948 Income Tax

Preparations to facilitate the filing of 1948 income tax returns in the First California District are now under way, Collector of Internal Revenue James G. Smyth said today.

Income tax returns were to be mailed to taxpayers of this district by December 8th. Thousands of 1948 returns have already been mailed. The reason for early mailing of tax forms is to cooperate with Postal Authroities during the Christmas season.

RETAIN FORMS

Taxpayers were advised to retain the new tax forms in a safe place until after the first of the year, when they may be used to report tax liability on 1948 earnings.

An itinerary for Deputy Collectors to visit rural towns and communities is now being planned. Taxpayers are advised to follow local newspapers for the time and place a deputy collector will be in their community. The purpose of the deputy's visit is to assist and advise concerning the preparation of income tax returns.

APPEAL FOR HELP

From the San Francisco Internal Revenue Office an appeal for additional help to handle the 1948 income tax returns, was made by Collector Smyth.

The Collector pointed out, that about 40 temporary positions would be open in the San Francisco Office on January 3, 1949. The annual salary will be $2498. Applications for clerk typist, bookkeeping machine operators, comptometer operators, and listing machine operators, may now be made in Room 1312, 100 McAllister Street, San Francisco.

It is expected that approximately nine out of every ten persons with income subject to withholding tax will be entitled to a refund on 1948 earnings. Collector Smyth said, that in the first few months of 1948, withholding rates on salary were higher than during the later part of the year. This, he pointed out will entitle the average wage earner to a refund.

Second Church Building to Be Dedicated

Dedication of the second building of Orinda Community Church, a children's unit especially designed for pre-school and Primary boys and girls, is being planned for January 9 by members of the congregation.

Miss Anne Hazen has been designated by the Board of Trustees to plan the exercises in cooperation with the minister. The unit which is being rapidly completed at a cost of more than $18,000 will contain two large rooms on the main floor and a smaller classroom and prospective library on the lower level.

A Sunday school dedication ceremony will be held at 9:30, and the formal dedication will take place in a regular church service to be held in the new building at 11 o'clock.

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Janet Gore to Become Mrs. Venolia

In a beautiful white slipper satin wedding gown worn by her two sisters, Janet Gore will change her name to Venolia at a ceremony Monday at the Orinda Community Church. Rev. Fred Morrow will officiate.

The groom, Wayne Venolia, has chosen as his best man David Hogness from Pasadena. Mr. Hogness and Mrs. Hogness (the former Judith Gore) are up from Pasadena to attend the wedding and be with the family over Christmas.

BRIDE'S ATTENDANT

The bride's only attendant will be Miss Eileen Polly, a fellow student at Pomona.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shirey (Mrs. Shirey is the former Mary Gore) will be here from Southern California. Several of Janet's school friends from Pomona are also expected to travel here for the event.

Mrs. Joseph Venolia, mother of the groom, will attend the wedding.

The bride will be given in marriage by her father, Challiss Gore.

WEDDING GOWN

Janet's wedding gown is princess style with a medium train and a sweetheart neckline, with a veil of heirloom lace from France. The maid of honor will wear chartreuse taffeta and Mrs. Gore, the bride's mother, has chosen a gown of royal blue.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Gore home on La Vuelta. The Gores are planning a rehearsal dinner Sunday night.

After a short honeymoon the bridal couple will continue their studies at Pomona where they will make their home in an apartment on the campus. The groom, from Spadra, California, will graduate in June.

Milton Selbys Give Open House

Thursday night, the Milton Selby home on Camino Don Miguel was the scene of a gay Christmas open house.

The family was all home — Joanne from the University of Washington and Jim from the University of Idaho.

The guest list of about a hundred people included: Mesdames and Messrs. Ted Beckett, Robert Bennett, Charles Camp and family, T. A. Goodrick and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. King Crosno; Fred Goodwin from Berkeley, Vad Jelton, Emmett Kilpatrick, Franklin A. Kales Jr., Woodburn K. Lamb, Quentin Reyonlds, Joseph Rupley, Ritchie Smith, Roger Stark, Thomas Telfre, Lyle York, Walter Boysen, Sheldon Duncan, Raoul Edmonds, Silliam Siebert from Lafayette, Neal Munro, Donald L. Richards, Edgar Stewart, William J. Gilman, Sidney Rosenthal, Charles P. Baker, Reese Jones, George W. Howson, H. C. Gathings, John Gillivan, E. L. Mathy, H. W. Gentry, Dwight Chapman, Alpheus Clement, Jefferson Larkey, John P. French, William Nickelman, and Donald Doten; and Mesdames Mae Summers and Frances Lax; and Richard Gordon and Nadine Fannon.

Hendersons Give Supper Preceding Xmas Dance

A supper preceding a Christmas dance at the Town and Gown Club in Berkeley was given by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Henderson at their home on Loma Vista Friday.

Mrs. Stephen Ballard was hostess for the dance. Mr. Ballard is now on a business trip in London and Amsterdam and expects to fly home in time for Christmas.

Guests at the Henderson's were Mesdames and Messrs. George Clifford, Edward Solinsky, Kirk Miles, Charles Fisher, and Mrs. Stephen Ballard.

First 40 Hour Services Held

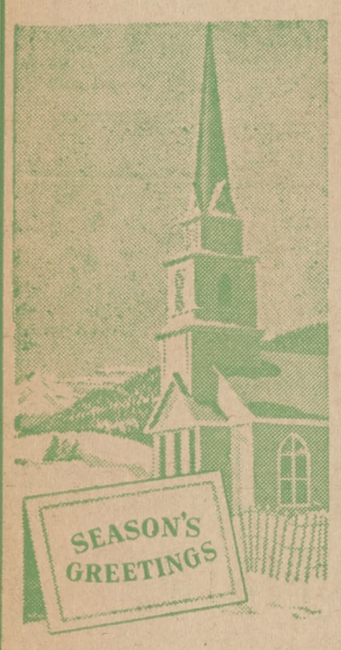
Santa Maria Church held forty hour devotional services December 12 for the first time since its inception says Father Duffy.

The Blessed Sacrament was taken among the congregation after 8 o'clock Mass and then was placed on the altar for two days. Special services took place Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Participants in the Blessed Sacrament procession included older girls in white dress and veils, and altar boys. Older boys were organized into a choir.

Holy Names Communion took place on the same morning, after which breakfast was served for the men at the Club. Zack Montgomery and Win Bowron, secretary and president respectively, handled reservations.

CLUB DONATION

The 12-15 Club has generously donated to the fund for the Weimar children. They are helping rent film for the cameras at the hospital. Mrs. W. S. Thomas of Irvine Drive has given some toys and gifts to the children for Christmas.



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Wreaths, holly and cones are also available. There's a full staff of Scout parents on deck from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for quick, cheerful service. The display area is in The Curve Restaurant parking lot.

Diablo Valley Area Council is sponsoring this Christmas sale to raise funds toward the Girl Scouts new summer camp site as well as for general activities in this area.

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LAFAYETTE

By WILLIAM TREMON

EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been in and out their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. Only—two dollars. . . ."

He was passing by and Marge was washing the dishes she and Denny had soiled at their noonday meal, when she couldn't hear the sound of his cheerful voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the money," he'd say. "And our old car just wouldn't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge thought she must go to the door and tell him to stop. She

"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our tree. . . ."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms.

"I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's rumpled dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear—" she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy. . . ." Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Someday, dear—oh, I hope it never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears. "I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile."

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Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of three hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny—DENNY!" She ran out on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY—!" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again, "Buy your Christmas tree now! On-l-y two dollars. . . ."

Marge shrieked against the wind, "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He. . . ."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All'a week I've had your tree," he said.

"Just put it in the yard," Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

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Disabled G.I.s Treated at Home

More than 162,000 California veterans with service-connected disabilities or diseases were treated during fiscal year 1948 under the "home town" medical program, Veterans Administration reported today.

The veterans received out-patient treatment from both VA doctors in VA clinics and private physicians in their home towns. Prior authorization from VA must be obtained before a veteran can be treated at government expense by a private doctor. Treatment is restricted to service-connected disabilities and diseases.

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County Inspects Restaurants

The Walnut Creek City government, in cooperation with the County Health Department, has set up a permit system for restaurants in that city.

County Inspector reports that every restaurant in town now has a permit, indicating that they all comply with minimum requirements of the State Restaurant Act.

Similar cooperative permit systems are being carried on with great success in Pittsburg and Brentwood.

It is the desire of the County Health Department to aid restaurant owners and city officials to obtain high standards of canitation with a minimum of cost to the owner and as little police action as possible on the part of the city.

Fourth Quarter Installment Due

The deadline for the fourth quarter income tax installment of 1948 is January 15, Collector of Internal Revenue James G. Smyth of the First California District said today. It is also the deadline for filing amended declarations.

Statements for the fourth quarter payment will be mailed in the near future, the Collector said.

All taxpayers required to make a final payment on their 1948 income tax liability were urged by the Collector to wait until they had received a statement and then return both check and statement. This facilitates the proper crediting of the account.

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By REV. HARRY E. SHANER
Lafayette Community Church

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We are celebrating the birthday of Jesus, the Christ Child born almost 2000 years ago who split history into B.C. and A.D., who has influenced mankind down through the centuries. It is his birthday that we celebrate this Christmas Season.

"Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If he's not born in thee
Thy soul is still forelorn."

So it is that at the central part of our celebration we thank God for his son and we experience the presence of his spirit in the world today. It is his presence within each of us that is the hope of this bewildered human race in this confused world.

Let us all sing and sing with meaning the words:
"Cast out our sin, and enter in:
Be born in us today."

New Acalanes Building to be Ready

Students will start moving into the newly completed additions to Acalanes High after Christmas vacation, according to Stanley Walgren, vice principal.

An announcement issued last week by the Board of Trustees reveals further building plans now are in the offing. They requested the architects to draw up blueprints for new wings to be put in use by 1950. Reason for erection is the constantly growing enrollment which Acalanes must handle.

First group to move into the just finished room are shop students, who made the trip last week. Remaining to be occupied are the physics and chemistry room, taugh by John Annis and Miss Margaret Nicholson respectively.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The recent Christmas drive for clothing, cash and canned goods to aid needy Contra Costa families has been termed a huge success by student leaders. Three truck loads of clothing, two truck loads of canned goods and $92.11 cash were collected and will be distributed by the American Red Cross.

Winner of the school-wide contest to determine which class did the most work in this campaign was Miss Florence Bassignan's senior advisory group. The seniors' reward was a party given by members of the student council in their honor last Friday in the library.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Before the Christmas vacation started Acalanes students plunged into a wide variety of Christmas activities. Musical and dance programs were offered as Yuletide gifts for the entire community, but the student body celebrated within itself by exchanging Christmas cards and putting up several trees.

Bill Morrish, student body president, said the card exchange is intended to become an annual tradition. All cards were on display in the school office.

SECOND ONLY TO GREETING old Santa Claus at the Lafayette Legion party last Saturday was Pat Patterson and his famous puppet, Pirro. Here Art DeVillers shakes hands with Pirro last Saturday at Town Hall. Hundreds of kids had a great time. (Photo by Vic Leveskis).

Farmers Attend Fresno Meeting

Philip Bancroft, Walnut Creek pear grower, was named president of the Associated Farmers of California as the state-wide organization closed their two-day convention after consideration of agricultural labor problems in Fresno recently.

Highlight of the conclave was the announcement of a plan for insuring farmers against loss from strikes or other labor disturbances which damage or prevent marketing of crops. The first of such a policy to be written in this country, farmers may also insure against losses from transportation failures and labor disturbances at processing or packing plants.

STAFF PARTY

Twenty-five staff members of Fred C. Von Guenthner and Mathew W. Radonich, contractors, were feted last Friday at a Christmas party in Lafayette Legion Hall.

Realtors Enjoy Holiday Fete

The Real Estate Mart held its annual Christmas party Tuesday night at Alsam's and from all reports, the fete was highly successful.

Chairman Bill Gean rounded up a well-planned entertainment program, complete with master of ceremonies. Nearly two hundred realtors and their wives were present to enjoy cocktails starting at 4 p.m. and a turkey dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

AT OPEN HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kilbourn and their children Libby, Tod and Tommy, attended an open house Sunday at the home of Mrs. Herbert Brown at Dixon. Mrs. Brown is Ruth Anderson of radio station KNBC.

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BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Clayton J. Herman entertained the Hill Top Bridge Club Thursday night. Her home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

Guests were: Mesdames Lloyd Holton, Mitchell Garavitch, Paul Heald, Rade Sadler, Phillip Nemir, Harold Montgomery, Edw. Rice and Jack Bayse.

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Orinda Scouts Awarded Honor

Sven Groennings, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sig Groennings, 23 Via Hermosa, Orinda, has just been presented the "God and Country" award by the National Protestant Committee of Scouting.

The local youth, a member of Orinda Boy Scout Troop 200, is the second lad to receive this honor since its inception a year and a half ago. It is based on a series of religious standards for Protestant boys moving ahead through successive ranks of Scouting.

Presentation ceremonies were held at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Berkeley. Sven is an acolyte in the Episcopal service at Orinda Community Church. A freshman at Acalanes high school, he and two other members of Troop 200 are slated to take Eagle rank at the troop's next court of honor.

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LEAVE FOR BOSTON

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Your Garden IN LAFAYETTE AND ORINDA

BY CONSTANCE HANSEN

The season for "decking the halls" seems an appropriate time to take up the subject of hollies. According to one authority there are at least 300 species of Ilex (the botanical name for holly), and they are found in both hemispheres. There are several native American species, occurring in greatest numbers along the Atlantic seaboard, but with some ranging as far west as Texas.

There are many species native in Asia, one in Brazil (mate'), and some in the Azores and Europe. They vary a great deal in appearance, due to the differences in leaf shape and size, growth habit, and berry color. Some lose their leaves in winter, and some have berries on wood made the previous year, while others bear on the current season's growth.

The best-known holly around here is the English holly, Ilex aquifolium. It is native to Europe and Asia, and has been cultivated in gardens for so many years that the number of named varieties is legion. An important characteristic of most hollies is their habit of bearing the male and female flowers on separate plants, thus making it necessary, if you want berries, to be sure the plant you buy produces the female flowers. If there are no other hollies near your garden it may also be necessary to have a plant with male flowers to serve as a pollinator. Some work has been done with hormone sprays to induce fruiting in the absence of pollination — the same spray that has been used to make tomatoes set the first crop of fruit should work.

ENGLISH HOLLY

Those who have grown English holly from seed report that the male-flowering plants predominate by about ten to one among the seedlings, and even when a fruiting plant does appear, the chances are that the foliage will not be particularly attractive, since the character of the leaves varies a good deal from seed. For these reasons most hollies grown commercially are grafted plants. They may be grown from cuttings but take from two to three years to produce a fair-sized plant.

The Chinese holly, Ilex cornuta, and its variety Burfordi can be planted without worrying about a pollinator, since they produce both kinds of flowers on a single plant. Another Chinese holly, Ilex Pernyi, has much smaller leaves than the usual hollies, and is lower growing, so that it may well be used in foundation plantings where the others might not be suitable, unless the house was quite large.

Ilex crenata is occasionally seen in nurseries, tho to the casual observer it looks little like a holly, because of its tiny, non-prickly leaves. This species has black berries, and some forms of it are so low-growing as to be suitable for the rock garden or low hedges.

The wild eastern holly, I. opaca, is much cultivated on the Atlantic coast, where the English holly is not reliably hardy, and many varieties have been named and distributed, a few of which have made their way into nurseries in this part of the country. It has fine red berries, and is a choice slow-growing tree.

SOIL FOR HOLLIES

The hollies in general are not particular as to soil and situation, but they do need plenty of water. The English holly makes a handsome lawn specimen, and might be used as a change from the commoner deodars, especially for the small plot. They are most attractive when allowed to retain the lower branches and grow to their normal pyramidal shape.

The English, American, and Chinese hollies all make luxurious looking hedges, especially near the brick and half-timber type of building, but would be lovely for any kind of house. The plants should be set at least four feet apart to allow for a good development of each one. They do not need fertilizer, but should be planted in good leafy soil and given a mulch of some sort of organic material, such as old sawdust, compost, or leaves. Where stray branches grow out too far beyond the main plant for symmetry, they can be nipped back.

Ilex opaca, the American holly, is said to take 15 years from the time the cuttings are rooted to reach a height of 20 feet, and the English holly has a similar rate of growth, but since they start to berry in a year or two, and are reliably long-lived, the slow rate of growth is not such a draw-back as one might think. It also fits them to make fine tub plants.

Hollies are subject to attack by scale insects, especially the soft brown scale, and should be sprayed for it with a summer oil, either regularly, or when you notice ants travelling up and down the stems. If scale infestations are allowed to build up, the holly may be killed eventually, or at least made very unsightly, due to death of leaves and small twigs, and they cannot be expected to produce berries when full of scale.

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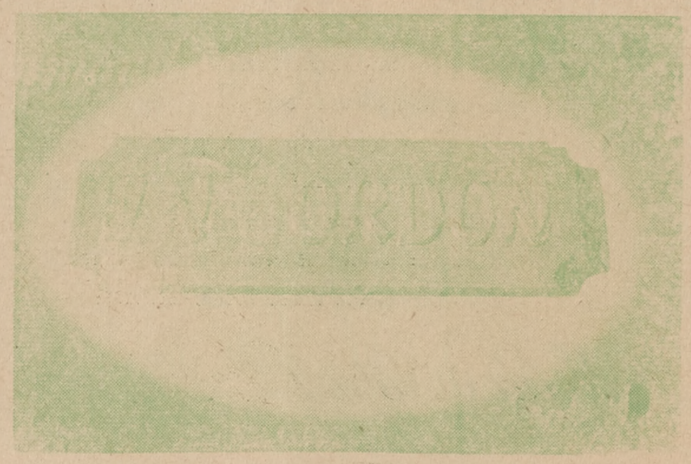

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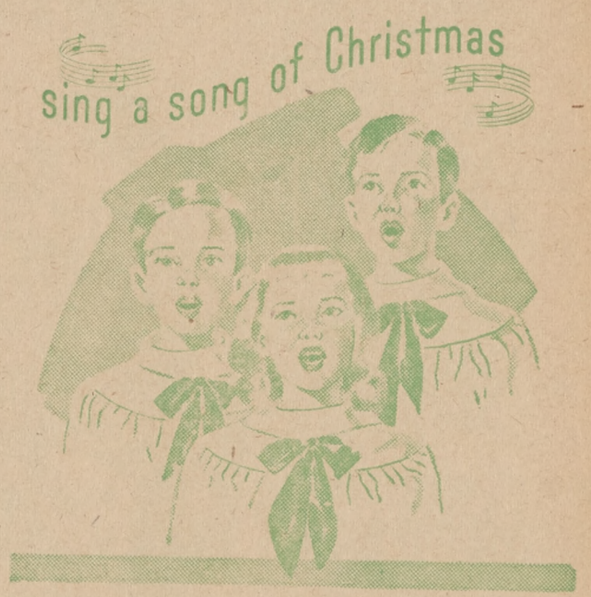
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Helen Margaret Ornberg Married

At a candlelight ceremony, Helen Margaret Ornberg and Eric John MacDonald were united in marriage Saturday, December 18, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Berkeley.

The church was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums, with candles and streamers of white satin ribbons decorating each pew.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Eric A. Ornberg. She wore a gown of white satin, with a sweetheart neckline decorated with seed pearls, long sleeves and a full skirt. Her finger tip illusion veil was held in place with a crown of smocked nylon lace, sweetheart shaped to match the neckline of her gown. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums with a center of orchids.

MATRON OF HONOR

The matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Henry Wirta of Albany, wearing a pale blue satin gown and a halo of pink carnations. She carried an old fashioned bouquet of pink carnations.

The bridesmaid, Miss Pal Olson of Turlock, wore a gown of pale pink satin with a halo of pink carnations. Her bouquet was of pink carnations.

Sheryl Wirta, niece of the bride was the flower girl, wearing a gown of ice blue satin, and a halo of pink carnations. She carried an old fashioned bouquet of pink carnations.

The best man was John Grove of Berkeley. Ushers were Henry Wirta, Don Benson and Robert Johnson.

BRIDE'S MOTHER

The bride's mother chose a gown of steel grey crepe, a grey nylon hat with pink gloves. Her corsage was a purple orchid.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for 150 guests at the Town and Gown Club in Berkeley.

The bride's going away outfit was a champagne crepe dress, with cocoa brown accessories. She wore a white orchid corsage.

Following a brief honeymoon, the young couple are now making their home in Orinda.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric O. Ornberg of Marsten Road, Orinda.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. MacDonald of Alberta, Canada, who, although they were unable to attend the ceremony, telephoned their best wishes and congratulations to the couple, following the ceremony.

Three Services Held on Sunday

Three services were held on Christmas Sunday by various groups in the Orinda Community Church.

More than a hundred persons took an active part in the presentation through music and pageantry of the church's annual Christmas Sunday message in the service held at the Orinda Theatre. The story 'Why the Chimes Rang' was narrated by Elizabeth Miles and accompanied by action directed by Wirtabel Harris and the music of a 75-voice choir under direction of Mary Elizabeth Tomme.

Vestments were worn for the first time by the recently organized Junior Choir. A cathedral setting designed by Kenwood Hauter and executed by Dorothy Potter and an expert committee of builders transformed the theatre into a place of worship. The sermon given by Rev. Fred Morrow was entitled "Our Response to the God Who Gives". The theater was well filled with worshippers.

A large group of parents of Nursery and Kindergarten children was present during the afternoon at a special program and tea in which Mrs. George Mulligan and Mrs. Henry Harris presented the fifty children of their Sunday school department. A gift was given to each child and to parents by the children.

At an evening candle-light service held at 7 o'clock in the chapel of the church, members of the Pilgrim Fellowship, high school age young people of the church, led a full congregation in a special worship program based on the Christmas theme. The entire period was arranged by the young people under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Twining. Refreshments were served in the half-hour following, with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wickman as host and hostess.

What Christmas Memories Do You Recall?

Christmas carols, gaily lighted trees, candy canes, balls of holly, surprise guests, mistletoe, a bubbling egg nog, the thrill of gifts beneath the tree — all these and more unite to make Christmas a never to be forgotten time of year for young and old alike.

Most everyone had one or two special memories of the holiday season, for instance, a long dreamed of baby doll appearing beneath the tree, or when the family cat hurled himself bodily at the twinkling fir, making a sham-

bles of tree and living room.

In line with the present Yuletide spirit, your inquiring reporter dropped his quizzes on weighty matters this week and merely inquired what special memory stood out for each interviewee in regard to Christmas. Here are a few replies:

MRS. W. F. GREENLAW: "The outstanding event of Christmas in my childhood was the tree, which was never put up before the big day. I'll never forget the thrill we got out of seeing it for the first time that morning. I used to hurry downstairs trying to beat my sister and get the very first glimpse."

TED MURPHEY: "I remember the community Christmas tree and party. We lived in a rural area so all the families brought their gifts to the main tree and celebrated together."

MRS. OPAL BARNHART: "At this time of year I always think of going out to Grandpa's for Christmas. The tree was set up in the old-fashioned parlor with sheets all around it. We couldn't look until after dinner Christmas Day and if we peeked, we were threatened with losing our presents."

Mrs. EARL LONG: "For Christmas before I was three in February my only wish was for a doll buggy. Christmas morning I opened the door, looked toward the tree — and there was the long wished for doll buggy. Overjoyed I cried, 'He comed at last — he comed at last!' "

New Buildings, Homes to be Built

The County Building Inspector's report for December 3 to 10 inclusive lists 8 permits issued in the area, among them a chapel and parsonage for Our Savior's Lutheran Church and a neon sign for Clyde O. Sweet Co.

Residential applications were approved for H. M. Gates, Mt. View Drive near Lanas Hill; McKig W. Roth, Glenside Drive near Los Palos Drive; William Lane, Diablo Circle; J. E. Mercer, Highland Avenue near Sundale in Sunset Village; Irving Moody, Los Huertas Road near St. Mary's Road.

The Cleverdon Co. was granted permission to build a garage and workshop in Lafayette Terrace on Lower Happy Valley Road near Mt. Diablo Blvd.

A blue and white neon sign is being erected on Clyde O. Sweet's real estate building on Mt. Diablo Blvd. It will be a duplicate of the firm's regular sign which is diamond shape with the name imprinted horizontally across the middle of the sign.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is building a parsonage and combined chapel-fellowship hall with Sunday School classrooms in Lafayette Meadows, Carol Lane near Corrine Court, on church property. (Additional information on the project will be found elsewhere in this issue of the SUN.)

Christmas Greetings

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Don Varsity Whips Pittsburg 45-41, While Second Team Nabs Thriller

The Dons rose to inspirational heights when they defeated Pittsburg High 45 to 41 in the local gym last Friday night.

The win gave the Don varsity the top spot in league play with a 3-0 record. The Don Babes registered an upset as they played brilliantly and fought their hearts out to defeat a surprised and at times befuddled Pittsburg team — 24 to 23.

IN HIGH GEAR

The varsity was in high gear as they opened an attack to establish a 16-11 first quarter lead, paced by their ace forward Marshall and Captain Roy Vanden Heuvel from the guard spot.

The team played as a well coordinated unit and made the scoreboard ring like a payday cash register as they hit the hoop with uncanny consistency.

HOLD JOHNSON TO 8

Harry Nielsen turned in an outstanding floor game as he hit nine points while holding the highly touted John Henry Johnson to eight.

Ted Hall and Lynn Amason contributed to the scoring column as did Bob Ferro while the club as a whole played bang up ball.

Half time found the Acalanes team leaving the floor with a 30-20 lead. Third quarter found it 40-26 and then came the fourth quarter with Pittsburg catching on fire as they hit six in a row only to have the Dons put on a final spurt which assured victory with a 45-41 count.

OPENING GAME

In the Bee tilt the Dons held a slight edge all the way through the third quarter only to have the Pirates take the lead with seconds to go.

Roger Dunn came through in story book fashion to hit a twisting two hand shot which proved to be the margin for a 24-23 win.

Elsewhere in the county John Swett of Crockett tripped Diablo's Tall Timber in a doubleheader while Antioch dropped the varsity contest while winning the Bee version of the game.

League play will be resumed on January 7th when the Dons meet Alhambra at Martinez, while Diablo meets Antioch and Pittsburg crosses hoops with John Swett.

Many Players Receive Awards

The award assembly found a host of players receiving their coveted Block letters in recognition of their seasons play.

Many a new sweater will be the order of the day as far as Santa Claus is concerned in order to provide a proper background for the new emblems of athletic achievement.

NEW TENNIS COURTS

The new tennis courts have been in full swing with racquets all over the place, weather permitting.

The courts have provided the means for a new physical education activity and finds every class member with a chance to learn the basic fundamentals of the net sport.

This spring will find the formation of team play and no doubt an adult group will be founded before too much time has gone by.

TENNIS AS A GAME

Tennis as a game is of great recreational value. The cost is small and it takes but two to play.

The carry over value is great and the courts are a real addition the community's sorely needed recreation facilities. All too often people look upon recreation as merely "play" and a luxury when in reality it is a necessity from both a physical and mental point of view.

Most people would live longer and be happier if they only realized that play is especially important in this age of rush and fast living and often with people in a hurry and no place to go.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By Coach Erwin Mattson

Believe it or not . . . but the Acalanes swimming team will soon be getting under way in preparation for the coming season.

The heating system will enable the team to get in some pre-season practice which is necessary in view of the number of squad members lost via graduation as well as the tough schedule facing Coach Dave Stewart's paddlers.

The squad has been handicapped in early meets in past seasons because many of their early opponents have enclosed pools and, consequently, have been able to attain much better early season form.

Despite graduation losses, the Dons will in all probability have another outstanding squad, bolstered by a good crop of freshman prospects.

NEW TENNIS COURTS

The Acalanes tennis courts are proving to be a real addition to the recreational facilities of the area and time, along with practice and play, will no doubt produce some outstanding racquet wielders.

The courts are in constant use during the school day, weather permitting, as both boys' and girls' gym classes have made it a part of their activity. Need for the courts is shown by the fact that it has aroused a great deal of interest among a great precentage of the students who knew little or nothing concerning the net game.

Skilled players to date are few and far between but will no doubt change shortly as many are taking to the courts on their own time.

PUBLIC USE

Adults are welcome to the courts after school hours with the only requirement for use being the use of proper footwear.

Strength of the Contra Costa basketball league is shown by the seasons record. As predicted earlier this season, standings find all teams on a close par with one another.

OUT IN THE STICKS

Bay area schools have learned the hard way to respect the county quintets which have more often than not upset the "city slickers."

The tough luck club of the circuit has been Antioch. In league games they have lost three in a row and all by last minute come-through drives on the part of their opponents.

Their last game was with the Cal Frosh and they made the Cal boys go all out to win 29-26. Yes, Contra Costa high schools stack up pretty well.

LOCAL BOYS IN HEADLINES

Don Kramm, former center of the Acalanes champs, appears to be hitting his stride in collegiate circles. It has taken awhile for him to adjust himself to the fast breaking college game but on the basis of his showing in the St. Mary's — Yale game played in the Cow Palace last Friday night, we will predict that his name will be found well represented in the scoring column.

Don is a member of the Gael five that could well be the best of the Independents this year. Paced by Frank Kudelka, the Aloi American forward, the Gaels are now on a barnstorming tour and will meet such teams as Beloit, Minnesota and Bradlye Tech.

The team goes east or rather mid-west by plane and perhaps we can get Don Kramm to spin a yarn or two on his return.

A TALL BOY

Standing better than six foot five, Don is an imposing figure on the court and is co-ordinated, such as few men his size are. Added experience will give him the necessary confidence to hit that hoop with consistency which made him outstanding in county play during his four years tenure at Acalanes.

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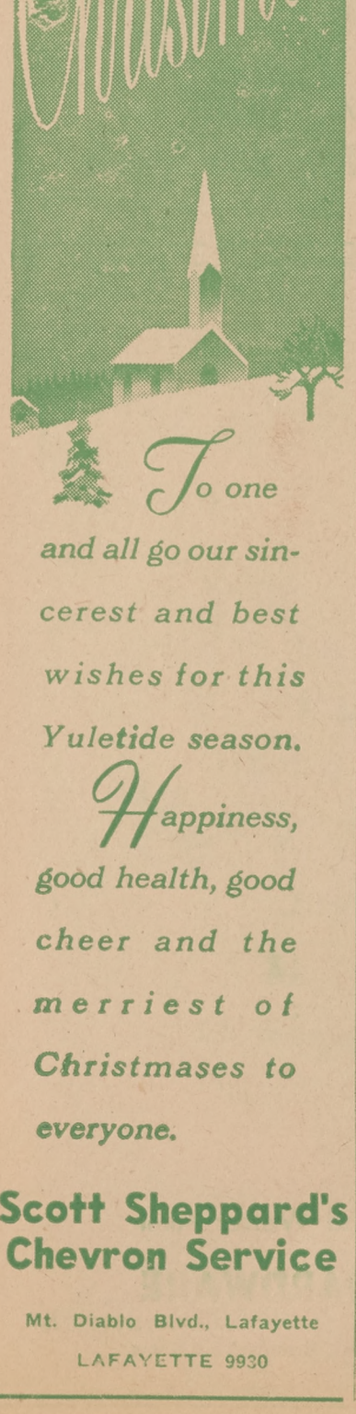

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All Local Entrants Place in Contest

All eight of Acalanes Union High School's entrants won awards from some 500 other competitors for honors in the 1948 Bay Area Navy Day essay contest, it was learned this week.

Leading the contingent of students garnering laurels for themselves and their school was Susan Ley, who took a first award. Second award winners were Virginia Findlay, Shirley Reese, and Arthur Johnson; while third awards were taken by Betty Conover, Glen Armstrong, Jim French, and Dan Dalbey.

Honors were formally presented to winners at a large Navy luncheon Saturday at the naval station on Treasure Island, with Rear Admiral Lynde McCormick, U.S.N., commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, as official host to the student winners, their faculty advisers, and their parents.

CEREMONIES

The luncheon award ceremonies were only the beginning of a full nautical day for the contest participants, for the Navy's guests were then treated to a three-hour cruise of San Francisco bay and the outer harbor entrance on board the S.S.S. Thomas Nickel, World War II combat destroyer.

Accompanying the group from Acalanes was Eva Lalander, senior English teacher, who served as the students' mentor.

INVITED TO SCHOOL

As a special material prerequisite of a first award, Miss Ley is now entitled to a conducted visit of the new "Annapolis of the West Coast," the Navy's officers' school at Monterey, as the special guest of the commanding officer.

Jointly sponsored by the Twelfth Naval District and the Bay Area Council of the U. S. Navy League, the second annual essay contest had as its subject, "A well-balanced Navy is important because—."

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BIRTH of CHRIST

By PASTOR OBED VOLD

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

"Daddy, Mommy, how many days until Christmas?" "Daddy, can we get our Christmas tree?" "Oh, Mommy, Mommy, Daddy's got our Christmas tree! Let's decorate it right away!"

A common voice of our children, isn't it. Then when children should go to sleep we hear them sing, "Silent night, Holy, night, all is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin, mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild—." Baby Jesus, the Holy Child still thrills the world by His appearing. Young and old feel a warmth inside to hear the message of the angels, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Down inside, men and women want to be friends, good friends. There is no other season of the year when men of earth note that peace and kinship as on Christmas, the birthday of the tiny child Jesus.

In many ways the day has been commercialized, but people even in saying the word "Christmas" are paying homage to the Christ.

The message of Christmas? Love, joy, peace. This babe born in the lowly manger-bed calls men to Peace — a Peace in the soul as we come to His roughly hewn stable.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Mary and Joseph, their journey to Bethlehem at last completed, hurried to find a room in which to rest. At door after door they sought entrance, only to be met with the same disheartening answer—"No room. ....No — no room!" The last hope as they stood before this certain inn in that Judean town seemed forlorn indeed as the innkeeper growled — "No room." and then, noting the approaching mother-hood of Mary, he felt suddenly ashamed.

In the name of all decency, the woman needed a place to rest. Her eyes and her uncomplainingness haunted him. He bethought himself — "No room in the inn," he said, "but if you care to use the stable — for a price —." And so the Babe was born.

And tho the innkeeper knew not that God Himself was in his midst — the Shepherds whom the Angels told came and worshipped.

THREE WISEMEN BEARING GIFTS

And far from across the desert three Wisemen came with gifts for the small Christ, with adoration in their hearts.

Let us, too, come and worship. The Lord is in our midst. We surely are not ignorant of the birth of the Christ as was the innkeeper! Joyfully, yet reverently — approach the manger bed. Kneel there and worship. The voice of the Angels can still be heard, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth Peace, good will to men."

To Serve Area

To serve residential developments in the Lafayette-Saranap area, as well as Oak Knoll hospital vicinity in East Oakland, two new three million gallon capacity water reservoirs have just been completed, according to an East Bay Municipal Utility District announcement. Both these reservoirs are tank-type construction, made of reinforced concrete throughout.

John S. Longwell, chief engineer and general manager of E.B.M.U.D., says this and other construction, severely restricted during the war and handicapped immediately thereafter by material and manpower shortages, is now proceeding at an accelerated rate as these problems gradually are being overcome.

HOME FROM SCHOOL

Miss Inge Dix, a student at the Lux College in San Francisco, returned home last Sunday and will spend two weeks vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dix.

Patronize your hometown stores.

Elected to ...

Betsy Pembroke, Acalanes Union High School faculty member, was notified last week of her election by county teachers as one of their representatives to the Bay Section Council of the California Teachers Association.

Miss Pembroke, taking office in January as one of 15 county representatives, will be the only delegate from this immediate area.

SEWING CLUB MEETS

The December meeting of the Manor Sewing Club was held at the home of Mrs. Edward Caswell on Victoria Ave., Ladies present to enjoy an evening of sewing followed by dessert were Mesdames Bert Scarborough, Don Good, Howard Schorr, George Gelhaus, Ferd Elvin and J. Barker.

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PAUL VASHELL
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County Shows Population Gain

Contra Costa showed the largest percentage population gain among nine Bay counties, over the last 8 years, according to information released recently by the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

Figures were based on comparison with 1940 census results. This County recorded a 181.8% rise, or numerically, 100,450 to 283,000 last July. The nine counties involved now have a population high of 2,597,500.

Condition Soil In Rainy Season

The beginning of the rainy season is a good time to condition your soil. Assistant Farm Advisor A. M. Goff suggests that if you have a small tract of soil that is mean to work that now is a good time to improve it.

Apply agricultural gypsum at the rate of one pound to ten square feet. This will make a thin white coating. Top dress your soil with some well rotted barnyard manure or compost if you are lucky enough to have it. Let your treated soil weather through the winter and you will have a soil that is much nicer to handle next spring. Mr. Goff cautions you not to cultivate when your soil is too wet or you will undo all your efforts to improve it.

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Lapel Buttons Now Available

Gold Star Lapel Buttons are now available without cost to widows, mothers, and fathers of members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the armed forces in World War II, it was announced today by J. W. Hammond, Veterans Service Officer.

Next of kin, including children, brothers, sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters are also entitled to wear these buttons and may be secured by them at a cost of $1.50 each.

Application forms are now available, Hammond stated, and can be secured at the Veterans Service Office, 108 Hall of Records, Martinez.

Phone Co. Rate Increase Largest

During the year the largest rate increase granted by the California Public Utilities Commission was the $27,555,000 increase in annual gross revenues permitted the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company after 42 days of public hearings, the Commission reported.

The telephone company at the close of the fiscal year had in service 2,892,823 telephones of which 1,817,038 were in homes, the balance in business service.

LESCURE COMPANY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Lescure were the host and hostess at a dinner party given at The Willows last Saturday night for the employees of The Lescure Co., and their wives.

Those who enjoyed the dinner dancing were Mesdames and Messrs. Al Cirinele, William Cawley, Bill Noble, Charles Moakler, Gaston Pratoussy and John Langbenn.

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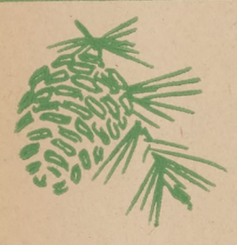

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In "No Place to Hide", Dr. David Bradley, an Army doctor assigned to the Operation Crossroads test of the atom bombs at Bikini, presents his factual account of what happened, making it appallingly clear that there is no defense against atomic bombs outside of strengthening the UN and preserving peace.

This new book is one of the 80 volumes delivered Friday to Lafayette Branch Library from Contra Costa County Library headquarters in Martinez. Lighter reading, welcome during the holiday season, includes two humorous books: "I Didn't Know it Was Loaded" by Robert C. Ruark and James Thurber's "The Beast in Me and Other Animals". Robert O'Brien's "This Is San Francisco" is a colorful addition to the ever popular literature of San Francisco legend and history.

Walter White, in his stirring autobiography "A Man Called White," has written a significant and dramatic account of the Negro problem. How the Roosevelt family and their constant flow of guests were fed is told in Henrietta Nesbitt's informal and gossipy "White House Diary." Other subject titles, novels both old and new, a group of children's books, make up the balance of this added collection.

MORAGA DANCE

The Moraga Mother's Club held their monthly dance, which was a great success, at the Moraga School on Saturday night, December 11th. There were approximately 150 attending and they all enjoyed the refreshments at midnight.

LEAVES FOR HOME

Mrs. Clara Cridland left by plane last Friday for her home in Detroit, Michigan after a four months visit here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Guppy.

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HOLIDAY TRIP

John Lennon of 57 Monroe, Lafayette, left by plane early Wednesday morning for Greensboro, North Carolina, where he will join his wife and daughter Barbara Ann who are visiting there. After the holidays they will return to their home here. Mr. Lennon is head of Lennon Publications Advertising with offices in Berkeley.

SEE L. A. GAME

Jack Hageman, E. L. Thornton, George H. Austin, Ed Larner, George Deklotz, St. Mary's coach, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Laws, stayed at the Los Angeles Biltmore and relaxed after witnessing the Notre Dame-U.S.C. game.

CIVIL SERVICE

The Civil Service Commission announced today examinations for Substitute Railway Postal Clerk, Student Nurse, Veterinarian, Archivist Assistant, Library Assistant, Stenographers, and Typists. The Post Office has additional information.

LOS ANGELES TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Macdonald just returned from Los Angeles where they enjoyed a vacation at the Ambassador. They attended the candlelight Ball at Cocoanut Grove.

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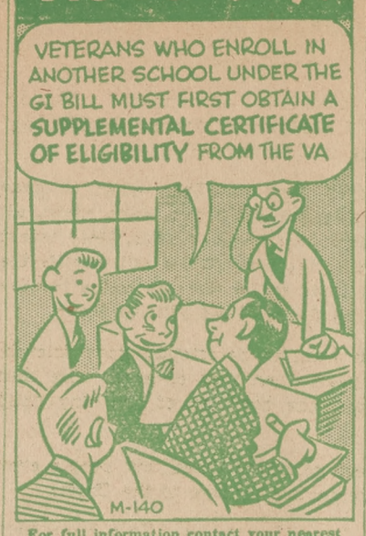
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Forum Choral Group to Start

A Choral Group, a new section of the Lafayette Forum is now being formed and will start Monday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Church under the direction of Bruce C. Handley. This group will meet each Monday evening thereafter.

Mr. Handley recently held choral classes in the evening at the Acalanes High School, directed the recent presentation of the "Messiah" and is the instructor of the Boys Choral at the high school.

Many enthusiastic singers, who have enjoyed Mr. Handley's classes have already signed up, from Concord, Martinez and Walnut Creek.

These classes are open to the public and are being held in the evening, so that men as well as women will be able to join the group.

For further information or reservations call Mrs. Ralph Browne, Lafayette 4679.

Ilse Dix Entertains Friends at Dinner

Ilse Dix was the hostess at a dinner party held Friday December 17, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dix, preceding the Monthly Social Dance held at the Lafayette Grammar School for the pupils of the 6th and 7th

Decorations were in the Christmas theme, with table decorations of a country scene, a wishing well, log cabin, small farm animals, and Santa Claus, surrounded by a small picket fence.

Gayly decorated Christmas stockings for each guest were hung on the fireplace.

Those present were Shirley Soder, Pat Nunley, Carolyn Bacon, Sally Shipley, Carol Fletcher, Austin Hutton, Louis Brown and Sarah Rinehart and hostess Ilse Dix.

Dinner Party At Stark Home

A dinner party for the Orinda Branch of the Children's Hospital was given at the Roger Stark home in Manzanita. Presents were under the tree for the guests.

Guests were: Mesdames and Messrs. Franklin Kales Jr., Lyle York, Walter Boysen, Sheldon Duncan, Ted Almquist, Ritchie Smith, Robert Bennett, Fred Goodwin, Ambrose Macdonald, Stephen Jenson, Thomas Telfer, Ted Beckett, Charles Camp, Quentin Reynolds, Woodburn K. Lamb, Vad Jelton, Milton Selby, Emmet Kilpatrick, William Siebert, Joseph Rupley, Tom Goodrick, Arthur Scheu, Joseph Brookley, and Mrs. Eileen Dawson.

Country Club Employees Have Christmas Party

The employees of the Orinda Country Club were feted at a party at the Club Monday at 4:30, with the Board of Directors acting as Masters of Ceremonies.

The new Chef Jean Janquin prepared French Cuisine for a festive buffet dinner. Tom Spinoza's orchestra played for the dancing.

On the Club's Board of Directors are Mesdames and Messrs J. E. DeArmond (Santa Claus at the party), J. E. Norton, George Lauer, Frank Teasdel, B. F. Brunk and J. J. Davis.

SAFETY COUNCIL

The election dinner meeting of the Contra Costa County Safety Council was held at El Adobe, Concord recently.

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Frances Groves To Sing at Service

"Laying Aside Every Weight" is the topic announced for the last Sunday of the year, December 26, at Orinda Community Church, when the Rev. Fred Morrow will conduct worship and preach at 11 o'clock. Miss Frances Groves, soprano, is the soloist of the day, accompanied by Mrs. Charles P. Baker at the memorial organ.

The Sunday school will resume its regular sessions next Sunday morning beginning at 9:30, and high school young people will meet at 7 o'clock under the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Twining. About two hundred Christmas wreaths were decorated and sold by the thirty-five members of this group for the benefit of their state Pilgrim Fellowship pledge.

Cadet James Dalton Wins Academic Honor

Cadet James Dalton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland S. Dalton, 17 El Gavilan, Orinda, is working with the academic department at Wentworth Military academy in Lexington, Missouri.

Maj. Leon H. Uungles, dean, reports that James excelled in scholastic work during the semester's second six-weeks grading period, earning a place on the dean's college honor roll.

Achievement of this honor at Wentworth placed James in the upper 20% of the cadet enrollment for the grading period and made him eligible for additional campus privileges.

Six New Families Welcomed to Orinda

Six new families have been welcomed to Orinda recently. They are William W. Ott, 49 Tara Road; K. E. Gravatt, 6 Monte Veda; Tudor Wall, 34 Daryl Drive; Dr. W. H. Hanford, Jr., 85 Van Ripper Lane; A. M. Arrighi, 1 Orchard Court; J. A. Vander Haeghen, 29 Valley View Drive.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Christmas Day at the Paul Winkleman home on Lower Happy Valley Road, will be observed with a holiday dinner with the following relatives present; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Goodwin of Richmond and Marie Malmsten of San Francisco. During the afternoon the Winkleman's will hold open house for their friends.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Electric train. New last year, owned by college student. Will give same guarantee as stores. Cost with accessories, $80. Will sell for $50. Laf. 2445. 12-23-1p

Used garage door, overhead, 7x16. Walnut Creek 5063. 12-23-tf

The Art Shop: Bavarian china demitasse cups; hand-painted Italian pottery; hand decorated linens. Golden Gate Way at First Street, Lafayette. 12-23-1p

Two piece light blue frieze living room suite; walnut veneer dining table, five chairs and one host chair; five piece blond birdseye maple bedroom suite, innerspring mattress anr coil spring; odd pieces. W. C. 6543, evenings. 12-23-tf

Beige frieze rug and pad, 12x18, nearly new, and hall carpet to match, 22 feet, $275. Rose broadloom rug, 9x12, $75. Blue frieze chesterfield, $100. General Electrict refrigerator, $85. Universal electric range, $60. Lafayette 2678. 12-30-2c

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OAK WOOD, 16 or 24 inch. $32 cord or $35 delivered. Lafayette 2087. 12-23-2p

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You may properly send your holiday greetings to almost everyone—business and professional associates, if you wish, as well as social acquaintances and relatives.

Be sure to choose appropriate cards, however. If Aunt Jennie is a garden enthusiast, she'll probably appreciate a beautiful flower print more than a dozen Santa Claus designs.

Special Titles.

Cards with special titles, such as "Merry Christmas, Mother," are available for mothers, wives, sweethearts and practically all relatives, including the in-laws, and are a mark of individual thoughtfulness.

If you can spare a moment or two, pen a brief holiday note on each card. It adds a warm sincerity and a touch of your individual personality to your Yuletide greetings. Christmas time is a sentimental and nostalgic season for everyone, and many a friendship has been kept alive through the years by the annual exchange of holiday greetings.

Colored ink is entirely proper both for signing the card and addressing the envelope, provided it harmonizes with the color scheme of the card itself.

Signatures need not be formal, except on engraved Christmas cards. You may have your name neatly printed if you wish, or take your pen in hand and sign the greetings yourself with a holiday flourish.

"Mr. and Mrs."

Married couples may omit the "Mr. and Mrs." if they prefer and sign their cards simply "Paul and Jenny Wilson." Either the husband's name or the wife's may appear first. Children in the family rate a place in the signature, too.

In addressing the envelopes, it is best to send one card to a husband and wife, and separate cards to other adult members of the family too. As an alternative, one card may be mailed to the whole family if you are careful to write the names of each individual on the envelope, including the children.

Use three-cent stamps for your Christmas cards, following the rule of good taste which says that first-class friends deserve first-class mail. It is entirely proper to write your return address on the envelope, to help friends keep tab on changes of address.

Selecting attractive Christmas cards for each of your friends is a delightful pre-Christmas activity. Don't treat it as a sober social responsibility. Plunge in with a smile and the gay holiday scenes on the cards will soon fill your heart with Yuletide cheer and sentiment.

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Llamada de Cortina - - Curtain Calls

Cheers and shouts rang out from the Orinda School last Wednesday afternoon when Teatro para Ninos gave its Christmas program.

Wide were the eyes when Santa himself appeared with a special box of candy for each child. "Enchanted Forest" lived up to all expectations and everyone can now breath easier with the last chapter of "Trail of the Royal Mounted" finally finished and the heroine rescued and the hero coming through in all his glory.

To say it was a well publicized show would be putting it mildly. Betty Broderick, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Allara helped with the large sign across the road. And it took five young men, namely, Mike Elvidge, Bill Joslin, John Toume, and Steve Wood, to put it up, PLUS the very necessary help of the Orinda Fire Dept. Another very helpful person was Mr. Mayer, owner of the Del Monte Cleaners, who loaned his sound truck to Santa Wednesday morning when he made the rounds in Orinda reminding everyone of the show.

And speaking of Santa himself, who could have made a better one than the "father of Orinda" — George Brockhurst. He has watched so many children of Orinda grow up that it was most appropriate that he should play such an important role. And who donated the candy? The ever helpful Orinda Lions Club. So with all the wonderful help from so many people it is no wonder that each child's Christmas was made a little bit happier.

As this program has been such a success, plans are already underway to continue each Saturday afternoon next year. Many good films have already been chosen and of course another serial with many comedies and sport shorts. So be sure and save every Saturday afternoon.

Lois Allara and Sherry Welch were both eight years old and celebrated with parties, each bringing their guests to the show as part of the entertainment. Happy Birthday was sung to them by the group.

Down Sleepy Hollow Way

By BILLIE GREENLAW

After the deluge of sleet and rain last week, it was a thrill to finally awaken to sunshine, venture outside and discover neighbors' homes still safely nestled on the surrounding hillsides and all accounted for.

The storm did anything but retard the holiday activity. Trees are up, twinkling and gay, doors and windows wreathed, presents piling up under the trees, and party plans made. Best of all to see are the eager expectant faces of the children. Although letters to St. Nick have long been mailed, for the sake of these young hopefuls, here is a last minute plea to Santa and a list of presents wanted. The Editor has assured them that "the Sun" will reach the North Pole in time, so Santa please take note!

BICYCLES ON LIST

Suzanne Lang, Richard Schuler, Johnnie Walker are hoping for bicycles, while Betsy Ann Kilburn wants roller skates. Fortunately our younger set doesn't care whether these are motor driven or not.

Requests for dolls and buggies come from Carloyn Jane Schuler, Suzanne Lang, and Betsy Ann Kilburn. Carol Anne Walker would like a bride doll but will take anything you will leave, Santa, as will Cory, Ted and Tim Lowther. Susie Walker has her heart set on that camera.

NEW SWEEPER

Janie Seaman's sweeper finally wore out so could it be replaced? Her other request for a hobby horse is perhaps a little easier to fulfill than that of Sylvia Bolman. Mr. and Mrs. Bolman have finally convinced Sylvia that a real live horse is not a practical gift this Christmas. Their lovely new home at the present time has hardly proper housing facilities. The extra guest bedroom would ALSO be hard on the horse. So, Santa, leave something else, and don't forget the Lochlins, Toomeys, Hanfords, and Buxtons' and all the children everywhere.

The lovely home of the Mark Nobles on Crane Court was the setting for a "send off" luncheon Sunday, honoring the University of California Ski Team coach Mr. Morgan, Ed Paul, manager, and team mates of Mark Noble, Jr. — Leif Sommerseth and Bumps Baldauf. Mark's car piled high with snow equipment and fifteen pair of skis left no doubt as to the team's destination and determination to win the inter-collegiate meet December 28, 29, and 30, at Aspen, Colorado. We are rooting for you and your team, Mark!

Cocktail Parties Given Before Lions Party

A group of cocktail parties were given before the gala Christmas party of the Lions Club Monday night at the Willows.

Parties were given by Mesdames and Messrs. R. E. Wadsworth, Fred Von Guenthner, Don Hunter and Vance Reynolds.

Entertainment at the party included prizes, games, corsages, floor show, Santa Claus, and a surprise entertainer from the Bob Hope show.

HOMES FROM TRIP

B. E. Monroe has just returned from a business trip to Cincinnatti. Mr. Monroe flew east and returned home on the streamliner—very happy to be back in time for Christmas.

BROWNS TO ENTERTAIN

The Chester Browns will entertain over the Christmas week-end Mrs. Brown's daughter, Marjorie Korn and family, from Sacramento. On their return home Mrs. Brown will accompany them for a few days visit.

OPEN HOUSE

The Marshall A. Shapiros gave an open house at their home on La Vuelta last Saturday night.

NEW RESIDENTS

The Ed Merrills recently purchased the William S. Everts home on El Sereno. The Merrills have a little girl, aged 2½. The Everts plan to move to a home on Dos Posos.

FOURTH BIRTHDAY

Four-year-old Cathy Oliphant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Oliphant of Woodland Road, had a birthday party last week. Guests were Mickey McGuire, Priscilla Devin, Bobbie Williams, Jett Horton, Jeff Shirtleff, and Johnny Silva. Nancy Brailsford who had the mumps was unable to attend.

CIRCUS PARTY

Larry Hunn's friends enjoyed his fourth birthday party Saturday in the circus theme. Guests were D. B. Woodcock, Margo Anthonisen, Diana Dorr, Bryan Reynolds, Cathy Reynolds, Donna Stahle, Bobbie Hobbs, Judy Green, Kris Garneau, Steve Boettjer, and Sally Schmidtt. Larry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. Stanley Hunn of El Verano.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Sherry Welch celebrated her eighth birthday December 16 with a family dinner. There were 28 guests present who were entertained during the evening by Don Poulton and his puppets.

Here and There in Orinda

FOWLERS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fowler, Sr., of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, are here visiting their son and his family. They are occupying Dr. Hunt's home on Upper Happy Valley Road for three months.

TAHOE VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Harrison and sons are leaving Monday after Christmas for Lake Tahoe where they will spend the rest of the holidays. Chuck Gompertz is also going with them.

CHRISTMAS WITH SISTER

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Allen and family are spending Christmas Day with Mrs. Allen's sister, Mrs. C. S. Daugherty and her family in Berkeley.

FRANCES GROVES HOME

The Grove family is happy to have with them for the Christmas holidays, Frances who has been attending the College of Pacific and living in Stockton.

OGDENS ENTERTAIN

Mrs. John Ogden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mears of St. Paul, will spend the New Year's week-end with her and the family. Mrs. Ogden will accompany them January 5 to Los Angeles for a brief visit with other members of their family. Following this the Mears will entrain for New Orleans and then fly on a sight-seeing trip to Guatemala.

FRIENDS FROM OMAHA

Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Baker entertained recently their friends from Omaha, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Hunt.

HOLIDAY WITH FAMILY

The John McFarlands are going to spend the Christmas holidays with their families in Orange County.

CHILDREN HOME

Jo Ann Selby is home from Washington State University for Christmas but will leave on the 27th for Washington again to stay with friends and join some skiing parties.

Jimmy is home too from the University of Idaho.

HOMECOMING DINNER

Mrs. Peg Winters celebrated her daughter's homecoming with a family dinner Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chantler, Nancy Chantler, Janet Chantler, and Anne's sister, Christine, attended. Last Sunday afternoon, Anne went to Wheeler Hall in Berkeley to enjoy the symphony.

SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

Donna Lana recently celebrated her seventh birthday with a party for her Brownie troop.

LEAVE FOR CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright and two daughters left December 16 for Chicago to spend the holidays with relatives. Mrs. Wright and the children went by train and Frank flew back. They will be home in January.

HARRISONS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Harrison are entertaining guests at Christmas dinner. Those present will be Mr. and Mrs. Beall and children from Del Monte, Mr. and Mrs. George Prifold, Jr., Mrs. Prifold, Sr., and Capt. McClusky. Mrs. Beall is Mrs. Harrison's sister.

HOME WITH COLDS

Barbara Bowman and Lynn Ballard are among the second graders home with severe colds.

EGG NOG PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Brookes had their annual egg nog party on Sunday, December 19th. The guest list included friends from town as well as many from Orinda.

IN BED WITH COLD

Hughie Kimball has been in bed for several days with a very bad cold.

IN PALM SPRINGS

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Cole, 44 Southwood Drive, are in Palm Springs for a week's vacation. Their son and daughter-in-law will occupy their home while they are away.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Jackie Conda celebrated her seventh birthday recently. Her guests were her Brownie friends and neighbors.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lane, Southwood Drive, are having as Christmas guests Mrs. Lane's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berg of Santa Cruz, and her niece, Miss Pamela Mitchell.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. Bernard Ginsburg's mother Mrs. Giem from Palo Alto, is visiting Mrs. Ginsburg and her family for Christmas.

HOME FROM COLLEGE

Peggy Teiche is home enjoying her Christmas vacation from the University of Idaho.

MOTOR TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kronke have recently returned from a months trip by car covering practically the entire United States. They visited relatives in the Middle West, then went on to Florida and came home via New Orleans, Carlsbad Caverns, Grand Canyon, Bryce National Park, etc. Mary says it was a wonderful trip but they were glad to get home.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeMaria are having as holiday guests Mrs. DeMaria's sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hipkins of Salinas.

MUMPS SIEGE OVER

Grenda Kay, five year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoecker, is so happy she's up again after a siege of first mumps and then a tonsilectomy. Now she won't miss any of the Christmas fun.

BROWNS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown are entertaining at a family party on Christmas Eve and traditional turkey dinner on Christmas Day. Jim's mother is staying with them for the holidays.

MR. BALLARD ON TRIP

S. A. Ballard is on a business trip which is taking him to England and The Netherlands. Mr. Ballard has been away for about three weeks, is making the trip by plane, and barring bad weather and grounded planes will be home on December 24.

O'NEALS HONORED

Pat and Don O'Neal were recently given a surprise house warming for their new home on Glorietta. Everyone brought gifts for the new garden. Guests from Orinda included Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell and Mr. and Mrs. James Brown.

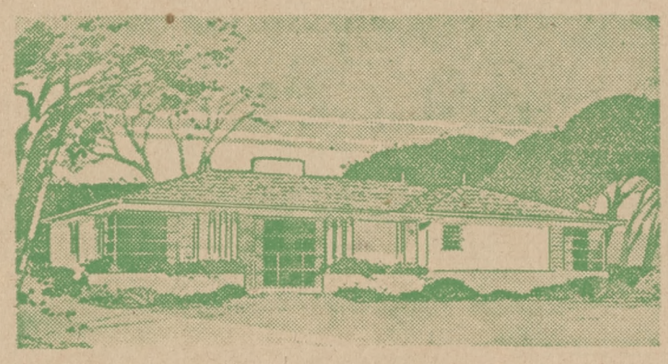
SON NO. 2

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Baumhafner of 3 Overhill Road on Tuesday, December 14th at St. Marys Hospital in San Francisco. This is their second son.

LEAVE ON LURLINE

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, 5 Via Hermosa, left Wednesday on the Lurline for Honolulu for a months vacation. They will fly back some time in January. Their home will be occupied during their absence by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Berkeley.

As we can and do co-operate on the handling of Orinda properties, so do we jointly and severally wish you and yours . . .



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Christmas Music To Ring Out Here

Traditional Christmas music will ring out in the Lafayette business district for seven days preceding Christmas as Central Bank broadcasts by loudspeaker its annual yuletide music series, originating from the lobby of the main office in Oakland.

Branch manager Ken Ulyatt has made arrangements to broadcast the programs, to be heard over radio station KROW, outside the bank each noon from 12:15 to 12:45, beginning Thursday, December 16, and each week day, except Saturday, through December 24.

The daily noontime programs will feature the voices of high school choirs, singing traditional hymns and carols. Schools participating, in order of their appearance, are: McClymonds, Piedmont, Castlemont, Fremont, Oakland, Berkeley and Technical.

Robert A. Choate, director of music education for the Oakland Public Schools, is program coordinator.

Much Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making—airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellcraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent.

"Christmas is a time of "togetherness," says Regnier. "Let's capitalize on the situation by starting a game or hobby that will encourage the same type of companionship the year around."

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

Christmas Music By Bach, Handel

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening — until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratories and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

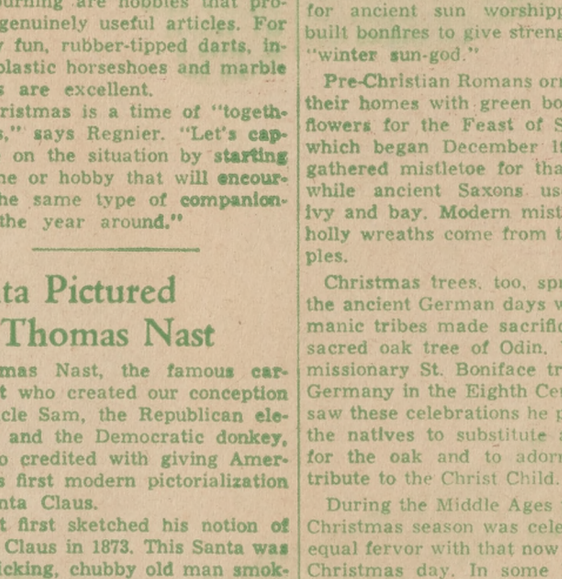
Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.



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Students Start Card Exchange

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" greetings among the Acalanes Dons and Donnas shone throughout this last pre-Christmas school week from students' Christmas cards gleaming from display boards in the main hall.

Thus the students this week instituted what they intend to become a school Yule tradition. Student-body officers, in calling for this display of the Christmas spirit, said they were taking their cue from their faculty's long-standing custom of exchanging Christmas cards via a display easel in the school's administrative suite.

Many of the colorful messages were creations of the students' artistry.

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

December Dates

There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.

Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.

Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.

Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.

Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.

Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.

Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.

WHITE HOUSE DOOR . . . If you were having Christmas dinner at the White House this is what you'd see as you approached it.

England has two towns with Christmas names. Christmas Pie is a small village near Guildford, Surrey, while Christmas Common is near Oxford and Henley.

Cannon Fire Hails Christmas in Rome

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala after-midnight in Rome; hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds—Pifferani—revisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferani play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.

Nut-Bowl Filled From Many Lands

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

The keeping of Christmas or saint's days, and the making of mince pies were illegal in the early Massachusetts and New Haven colonies. The strict religion of the Puritans banned observance of holy days.

Holiday *Greetings*

Virginia Hammond

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Advice on Care Of Xmas Trees

Have you had the experience of having your Christmas tree droop and fade, even before Christmas has come? R. E. Goble, farm advisor, University of California Agricultural Extension Service, says standing your tree in water will preserve its life and freshness for several weeks.

When you select your tree, whether it's from your own property or from a Christmas tree dealer, make sure that it's the freshest, greenest one you can find. If you are going to keep the tree for awhile before setting it up in the house, store in a cool, shaded place.

Cut the trunk off diagonally about an inch above the original cut and stand it in a bucket of water. This will give a fresh surface to absorb the moisture and send it into the branches to replace what is being lost through evaporation.

You will want to keep the tree fresh after you have set it up in the house. Goble recommends a simple method for supplying the moisture that will keep the tree green. Set the trunk into a number ten tin can and fill the can with crushed gravel or rock. See that the can is kept filled with water for as long as the tree is standing. Set the can on any ordinary Christmas tree base, but do not nail it as the water will escape through the holes. Supports from the base of the stand can be nailed into the trunk of the tree above the can.

Keeping your tree in water will not only save its color and freshness, but will also reduce the fire hazard. However, every precaution should be taken to prevent fire because of defective electrical connections. Do not use combustible material in and around the tree.

Trees of All Kinds Sold by Scouts

Have you been by the Girl Scout Christmas Tree lot of the Diablo Valley Area in Lafayette? Silver Tips and Douglas Firs in all heights are available, according to Mrs. Robert Galbraith, Tree Sales Chairman, and may be purchased any time from ten in the morning until eight at night.

Mrs. Galbraith stated that each of the seven communities served by the Girl Scout Council will be responsible for selling during a certain number of days of the sale, and troops have made wreaths, gilded cones, and collected mistletoe to be sold at the booth on the lot.

Girls are also planning to sing Christmas Carols during some of the evenings while the lot is open, and "Got Rocks" Gordon, who is in charge of the management of the lot, has provided a charming bricked area for an evening campfire for the carolers.

Proceeds from the sales of the trees will go toward the furthering of Girl Scouting in the area, and for the development of the recently acquired camp site at Packer Creek in the Tahoe National Forest. One half of the proceeds from the sales of the cones, mistletoe and wreaths will go into the treasuries of the troops selling them, Mrs. Galbraith said, while the remainder will go to the camp fund.

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